

MRS. PHOEBE LODEMA THOMPSON, NOTED PIONEER, CALLED BY DEATH

The death at Parker, Ill., on Monday of Mrs. Phoebe Lodema Thompson was announced from that place Tuesday. For some years she had been one of the surviving women of the Mormon battalion. For several months she had made that town her temporary home.

Mrs. Thompson was a daughter of Samuel and Phoebe Merrill and was born at Elba, N. Y., August 5, 1832. The family became members of the Mormon church while she was yet a child, and, coming west with the gathering, she was in the exodus from Nauvoo.

When the Mormon battalion was called into service in 1846, Phoebe Lodema Merrill volunteered for service as a nurse in the command, being only 15 years old at that time. Her brother, Philemon C. Merrill, was battalion adjutant, and her sister, Albina, was married to Thomas S. Williams, an officer of one of the companies.

The hardships and privations that this command went through, and which were shared by these two young women, were extreme, and when Col. St.

George Cooke reached Santa Fe with the battalion he determined to detach his sick soldiers with the women and children, and these he sent under command of Capt. James Brown to Pueblo, at that time an old Spanish fort, now the site of the modern city of Pueblo, Colo. There the little bunch of sick soldiers and the two women passed the winter of 1846-7, on all sides threatened by Indians, and, worse yet, by Mexicans, the United States and Mexico being then at war. The men were kept at drill daily, and there were enough of them to make a show of strength, and by these displays intended attacks of the Indians were several times avoided. Threatened starvation and sickness seemed to be in front of them, and during all this trying period Phoebe Lodema Merrill did heroic service as a nurse, one of her patients being Joseph Richards, a brother of the late Franklin D. Richards, who died as she was in the act of raising him to administer medicine.

In the spring of 1847 the little detachment took up the trail of Brigham Young and his band of pioneers, and

nearly overtook them, but arrived in the Salt Lake valley five days later. The sole woman survivor now of the Mormon battalion is Mrs. Thompson's sister, Mrs. Albina Williams, now of Soda Springs, Ida., and 82 years old. Mrs. Thompson is survived by the following children: Mrs. Dora Clegg and Miss Mame Collett of Rexburg, Mrs. Luella Raymond of McCammon, Samuel Collett of Wilford, Ida.; D. F. Collett of Salt Lake, and Marion Collett of Butte, Mont.

The funeral services over Mrs. Thompson will be held today, and the interment will be at Parker.

APOSTLE SMOOT IS ELECTED SENATOR

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President, I have great pleasure in joining with the senator from Salt Lake City and seconding the nomination of this distinguished fellow citizen, one of the highest types of the youth, vigor, courage and determination of the great commonwealth of Utah, Reed Smoot.

Burton's Seconding Speech. Senator Burton also seconded the nomination of Senator Smoot. He said: "I am here to vote for whom I please. I am pledged to no man. Six years ago I did not favor the election of Reed Smoot to the senate of the United States. I viewed it as a political move, and conditions peculiar to this state influenced my judgment. But today I feel that those objections are overwhelmed by his record, and in the fitness of things he should succeed himself in his position. I have always regarded him as a man eminently fitted for the position, a gentleman of great ability, and honor, and I want to say without reservation that I heartily support the nomination of Reed Smoot to succeed himself."

What Williams Said. Senator Williams of Salt Lake City said: "I have the honor to second the nomination of Reed Smoot to the United States senate. I have known him since he was a boy, and I have seen him grow from a child to a man. I have seen him in the midst of the greatest trials of his life, and I have seen him emerge from them with a nobility of spirit and a strength of character that have won for him the respect and admiration of all who know him. I am proud to say that I have known him to be a man of great ability, and honor, and I want to say without reservation that I heartily support the nomination of Reed Smoot to succeed himself."

Wilson Explains His Vote. Senator Wilson, in explaining his vote when his name was called on the roll call, said: "Eight years ago I cast my first ballot for a United States senator, and that was for the Hon. Reed Smoot. I have studied with pride his career in the senate, and it was my lot at that time to answer the gentleman from Platte about the unwieldiness of our action. A terrible storm that it would bring. It didn't make any difference to me how much the storm. Storms are something that never have much effect upon me. It has blown over, and, as has been stated, he has come out vindicated by the people of the United States through the senate. We know also that he has won the respect of the president, and Mr. President, I feel it an honor to again cast my vote for him, and I take pleasure in joining the nomination of Hon. Reed Smoot."

Regular Business. It was decided that in the case of petitions for the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of liquor they should show the number of names on each petition, and that this should be entered in the journal. Forty-three citizens of Cache county and 125 from Ogden appended their names to two petitions which were presented.

A communication from Gov. Sny was to the effect that he had approved and signed senate bill No. 1, providing for regular and contingent expenses of the eighth legislature. Bills were introduced as follows:

S. B. No. 11, by Bullen—To amend section 2090x of the Revised Statutes of Utah, and providing that instruction at the Agricultural college be free; also providing that an entrance fee be paid. S. B. No. 12, by John Y. Smith—To amend the Compiled Laws of Utah, 1907, relating to the duties and powers of the state engineer with reference to the approval or rejection of applications for water rights, defining the time which may be allowed by the state engineer for the beginning of work on the construction of works for the diverting and the beneficial use of said water rights through irrigation works. Referred to committee on agriculture and irrigation.

House joint memorial No. 1, relating to the annexation of the "Arizona strip," was read a third time, and at the conclusion Senator Benner N. Smith asked Senator Miller of Washington if the allegation in the memorial as drafted, that the strip is overrun with outlaws, was correct.

Miller replied promptly: "It is not; but in the strip there are 200,000 sheep, 50,000 cattle and several thousand horses. There are two considerable towns, Fredonia and Littlefield, and the people of these towns do not want to be annexed to Utah."

Senator Hulaniski asked why. "Because the territory of Arizona has six dollars school money to where Utah has one, and Nevada has seven to Utah's one," was the reply.

On the roll call the resolution was passed by unanimous vote. Then the senate adjourned until 12 o'clock Wednesday.

NOTES OF "U"

Miss Maude May Babcock has decided to have the people who are trying out for two of the prominent parts in the "Cabinet Minister" learn another act and try again. It seems that Miss Charlotte Stewart and Miss Dora Johnson are so nearly equal in their interpretation of Lady Twombly that Miss Babcock feels that she must have until a permanent home is secured. There is at present a bill approved by the governor, which is to be presented in the legislature soon, appropriating a considerable sum for the building of a structure on the University campus for the joint use of

The Utah Archaeology society is in receipt of a valuable collection of relics from the homes of the mound builders of the lower Mississippi valley. The collection, which comes through the Smithsonian institute, will be kept in the office of Dean Cummings until suitable disposition can be made of it.

Wednesday morning the various pictures in the "Alice" art collection, the property of the Utah Art institute, will be hung on the walls of the assembly hall in the museum building at the University. The pictures will remain there until a permanent home is secured. There is at present a bill approved by the governor, which is to be presented in the legislature soon, appropriating a considerable sum for the building of a structure on the University campus for the joint use of

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